



# City of Frostburg

November 5, 2010

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RE: Comments on Draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL/Draft MD Phase I WIP

Gentlemen:

The City of Frostburg respectfully submits combined attached comments on the active enforcement program to protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Frostburg is a small, non-urban (under 10,000 population) City set in a generally rural environment near the headwaters of three Bay tributaries, owning land in a forth Bay tributary in neighboring Garrett County, all draining to the North Branch of the Potomac River. The City also owns land for its municipal water supply in the Piney Creek watershed that drains to the Gulf of Mexico, also in eastern Garrett County.

Frostburg understands the urgency of the need to address the Clean Water Act with regard to the Bay throughout the entire watershed; we do not request an extension.

The City appreciates the State and Federal efforts to listen to the localities that will need to comply with the upcoming Phase II Watershed Improvement Plan in Maryland.

We are working closely with Cumberland, Allegany County, and a continuing work group in an effort to be prepared for the intensive Phase II negotiations that are planned to begin in January 2011.

We expect that our State and Federal partners will do all they can to ensure a fair outcome so that Frostburg citizens can be part of a positive effort for the region and our quality of life, countering the widespread view that this program is a special interest mandate that harms our region.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Bond  
Mayor

Cc: Frostburg City Council      Allegany County Commissioners  
Mayor & Council of Cumberland